



**24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017
CEDAR HILL REC CENTRE**

PROVISIONAL MINUTES (REVISED as of October 31, 2018)

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Called to Order: by Douglas Anderson, Chair at 8:04pm

1. Confirmation of Attendance and Quorum: 41 voting members, 7 proxies
2. Adoption of the Agenda APPROVED
3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting Nov. 23, 2016
 - i. Minutes amended to reflect there was a quorum, that the directors were elected by acclamation and that the president was elected by acclamation.
MOVED BY: Neil Fleischmann APPROVED AS AMENDED
4. Business Arising from the Minutes –none
5. Reports:
 - a. Report of the President – attached
 - b. Report of the Treasurer - Financial Statements attached

NEW BUSINESS:

1) RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinary Resolution #1: Setting Membership Dues for Victoria Ballroom Dance Society

BE IT RESOLVED that effective immediately, the annual dues for regular membership be set at \$70 per annum, and that the rate for eligible students and disabled persons be \$40, with the exception that members who are joining for the first time, or former members rejoining after an absence of more than 1 year from the expiration of their last membership year, may have their memberships pro-rated, such that if they join after January 1 the fee will be \$50 for regular members and \$30 for the student/disability rate, and if they join after April 1 the fee will be \$30 for the full rate and for the student/disability rate.

MOVED BY: the Treasurer, Thomas Webber on behalf of the board

Motion CARRIED

Ordinary Resolution #2: Appointing an Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED that Victoria Ballroom Dance Society appoint no auditor for the 2016-17 fiscal year

MOVED BY: the Treasurer, Thomas Webber on behalf of the board

Motion CARRIED

Special Resolution #1: Constitutional Amendment: to establish Victoria Ballroom Dance Society “Member Funded” Status

WHEREAS the new Societies Act provides that, “On transition, each pre-existing society will be asked whether it wishes to designate itself as a “member-funded society” by including a statement to that effect in its constitution”;

AND WHEREAS “a member-funded society is a society that is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members”, and VBDS would qualify as a “member-funded society” under the Act;

MOVED BY: the Chair, Douglas Anderson on behalf of the board

Motion CARRIED

Special Resolution #2: Bylaw re: Amendments that are in order at General Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that Clause 14.c.iii of the VBDS Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“(iii) the issue of whether an amendment to an ordinary or special resolution introduces an independent new question shall be decided at a general meeting by ruling of the chair, subject only to an appeal approved by 66%+1 of members present and voting.”

Amendment by Scott Hamilton: to replace the words “by 66% + 1 of members present and voting” with the words “by 2/3 of the votes cast”.

Amendment CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that Clause 14.c.iii of the VBDS Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“(iii) the issue of whether an amendment to an ordinary or special resolution introduces an independent new question shall be decided at a general meeting by ruling of the chair, subject only to an appeal approved by 2/3 of the votes cast.”

CARRIED

Special Resolution #3: Bylaw re: handling of questions of order

BE IT RESOLVED that Clause 23 of the Victoria Ballroom Dance Society Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“23. Questions of order arising, if not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, shall be decided by the chair, subject only to an appeal approved by 66%+1 of members present and voting.”

Amendment by Scott Hamilton to: replace the words “by 66% + 1 of members present and voting” with the words “by 2/3 of the votes cast”.

Amendment CARRIED,

AMENDED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that Clause 23 of the Victoria Ballroom Dance Society Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“23. Questions of order arising, if not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, shall be decided by the chair, subject only to an appeal approved by 2/3 of the votes cast.”

CARRIED

Special Resolution #4: Approving the revised Victoria Ballroom Dance Society Constitution & Bylaws, as amended

BE IT RESOLVED that the revised Victoria Ballroom Dance Society Constitution & Bylaws, as circulated to the Membership prior to this 2017 Annual General Meeting (“Transition Draft #04”), and as amended at this 2017 AGM, be approved.

MOVED BY: the Chair, Douglas Anderson on behalf of the board

Motion CARRIED

Ordinary Resolution #3: Possible Draw-down from the “VBDS Development Fund”

BE IT RESOLVED that the VBDS Board be authorized to draw-down the VBDS Development Fund Equity Account by an amount not to exceed \$5000 in 2018-19, if such is needed to responsibly fund an increase in instructor hourly rates, rate increases to exceed 2% but not to exceed 5% for 2018, over 2017 hourly rates.

MOVED BY: the Chair, Douglas Anderson on behalf of the board

Amendment by Sherman Waddell to: remove the words “not to exceed 5%” and replace them with the words “not to exceed 15%”
Amendment DEFEATED

Amendment to: remove the words “2018-19, if such is needed to responsibly fund an increase in instructor hourly rates, rate increases to exceed 2% but not to exceed 5% for 2018, over 2017 hourly rates” and replace with the words “2017-18 such as needed to responsibly fund an increase in instructor hourly rate”.

Amendment CARRIED.

AMENDED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the VBDS Board be authorized to draw-down the VBDS Development Fund Equity Account by an amount not to exceed \$5000 in 2017-18 such as needed to responsibly funding an increase in instructor hourly rate.
CARRIED

Ordinary Resolution #4: Re the “Hodgson Fund”

(Submitted by: Steve Hutchings by the required deadline prior to the meeting)

Be it resolved that the \$10,000.00 "borrowed" from the Hodgson Fund be returned to the Hodgson Fund as the action was contrary to the Board Resolution of 22 October 2014 that established the Special Fund and which remains unchanged and effective.

Be it further resolved that the membership restricts the Board of Directors from making any changes to the Board Resolution of 22 October 2014 affecting either of the Special Funds without consulting the membership at a general meeting.

MOTION considered by the members

DEFEATED

Ordinary Resolution #5: Re the VBDS “Youth and Family Outreach Program”

(Submitted by: Rachel Chang by the required deadline prior to the meeting)

“Be it resolved that the Youth and Family Outreach Program be suspended until such time as the Society returns to having a Net Income of more than \$3,000 per year.”

MOTION considered by the members

DEFEATED

Ordinary Resolution #6: Re Professional Ballroom Dance Members

(Submitted by: Rachel Chang by the required deadline prior to the meeting)

“Be it resolved that the VBDS welcome into its membership as regular members persons who are currently or become a member of a professional Ballroom Dance Organization provided they meet the criteria in bylaw 4. (a). Should such a person be teaching regular classes for the society they are eligible for membership as an Honorary Member in accordance with bylaw 4.(d).”

MOTION considered by the members

DEFEATED

- 2) The Nominating Committee presented names of members who had agreed to have their name stand for election to the Board of Director
 - (a) Linda Ryder
 - (b) Liz Frick
 - (c) Journey Hood

The Chair called for nominations from the floor – There being none, the members were elected to the Board by acclamation.

- 3) Announcement of the elected Board members
 - (a) Linda Ryder 2 year term
 - (b) Journey Hood 2 year term
 - (c) Liz Frick 2 year term
 - (d) Thomas Webber remaining 1 year term
 - (e) Douglas Anderson remaining 1 year term
 - (f) Steve Montgomery Past President- ex-officio

- 4) The Nominating Committee advised that Douglas Anderson had agreed to let his name stand for President. MOTION CARRIED to elect, by acclamation.

- 5) Announcement of the society President –Douglas Anderson

- 6) Other business
None

- 7) Call to destroy ballots and adjournment of meeting
No Ballots used

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 p.m

Recording Secretary: Clare Martin

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